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Status

1)☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on _01 March 2002_.
2a)☐ This action is **FINAL.**   2b)☒ This action is non-final.
3)☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4)☒ Claim(s) _1-20_ is/are pending in the application.
    4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6)☒ Claim(s) _1-20_ is/are rejected.
7)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8)☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9)☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10)☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a)☐ accepted or b)☐ objected to by the Examiner.
    Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
    Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
    a)☐ All   b)☐ Some * c)☐ None of:
      1.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
      2.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
      3.☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
    * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date **3/0**
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6) ☐ Other: _____.

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is written in response to the communication "Network

   Address in a Postage Field'. **Claims 1-20** are pending in this

   application.

Information Disclosure Statement

2. The examiner considered the Information Disclosure Statement.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35

   U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section

   made in this Office action:

   A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

   (e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application
   for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention
   thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application
   by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2),
   and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by
   the applicant for patent.

   Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being

   anticipated by Carl Knowles et al.(US Patent No. 5,869,819)

   hereinafter referenced as Knowles.

As Per Claim 1:

Knowles discloses a method and system wherein, an information

delivery system, [delivery system, fig.10, element 53], comprising:

a postage system, [packaging routing, tracking and delivering system;

fig.10, element 53] configured to apply postage, [information structure,

fig.13B] and a network address, [URL code filed, fig.12B] to objects in a

postage field, [URL code field; fig.12A, element 57A] on the objects wherein

the postage field comprises an area reserved on the objects for the postage

and wherein the objects are delivered to users, [fig.13B; delivery field]; and

a server system, [fig.10, element 51; internet server] configured to

receive a first message over the Internet from one of the users, wherein the

first message is addressed to the network address, process the first message

to retrieve information, and transfer the information in a second message

over the Internet to the one of the users, [fig.10, elements 52, 53; package

routing system shipping computer system], and [fig.17, element 54, 56, 57;

information accessed].

As Per Claim 2:

Knowles discloses a method and system wherein, the information

delivery system, [delivery system, fig.10, element 53] wherein the postage

system, [packaging routing, tracking and delivering system; fig.10, element

53] is further configured to apply the network address in the postage field at

a consistent location on the objects, [assign the identification number a

unique status encoded information storage location; fig.14C] to enable the

users to automatically scan the postage field for the network address,

[fig.17, package delivery process].

As Per Claim 3:

Knowles discloses a method and system wherein, the information

delivery system, [delivery system, fig.10, element 53] further comprising a

user system configured to automatically scan the network address from the

postage field, [package delivery process; fig. 17] and [URL code field],

generate the first message, and transfer the first message over the Internet,

[use URL to access internet server to obtain information stored and access

internet server to send confirmation].

As Per Claim 4:

Knowles discloses a method and system wherein, the information

delivery system, [delivery system, fig.10, element 53] wherein the postage

system, [packaging routing, tracking and delivering system; fig.10, element

53] comprises a postage printing device, [fig.1, printer, element 35]

configured to receive weight information, [information structure form,

fig.13A] for the objects and apply the postage based on the weight

information.

As Per Claim 5:

Knowles discloses a method and system wherein, the information

delivery system wherein the network address comprises an Internet address,

[encode the URL, fig.14d].

As Per Claim 6:

Knowles discloses a method and system wherein, the information

delivery system, [delivery system, fig.10, element 53] wherein the network

address comprises a domain name, [encode the URL, fig.14d].

As Per Claim 7:

Knowles discloses a method and system wherein, A method of

operating an information delivery system, [delivery system, fig.10, element

53], the method comprising:

applying postage and a network address, [URL encoded barcode

symbol printed with corresponding human readable URL content , col.6, lines

5-10] to objects in a postage field, [URL code field, fig 12B] on the objects

wherein the postage field comprises an area reserved on the objects for the

postage and wherein the objects are delivered to users, [read bar code label

on package using package delivery computer system, fig 18A];

receiving a first message over the Internet from one of the users

wherein the first message is addressed to the network address; [internet

system that is connected to provider for programmed bar-code surfuring

information, col.2, lines 61-65]

processing the first message to retrieve information; and

transferring the information in a second message over the Internet to

the one of the users, [URL access the internet server and update the location

within the system, fig.16C].

As Per Claim 8:

Knowles discloses a method and system wherein, further comprising

applying the network address to the objects at a consistent location, [assign

the identification number a unique status encoded information], in the

postage field, [URL code field, fig.12A] to enable the users to automatically

scan the postage field for the network address, [URL code, fig.8].

As Per Claim 9:

Knowles discloses a method and system wherein, further comprising

automatically scanning the network address from the postage field,[shipping

computer system, fig.10, element 52], generating the first message, and

transferring the first message over the Internet, [information storage

location on a web page of the internet].

As Per Claim 10:

Knowles discloses a method and system wherein, further comprising

receiving weight information, [information structure form, fig 13A] for the

objects and applying the postage based on the weight information, [apply

label to the package, fig.14e] and [read barcode label, fig 16].

As Per Claim 11:

Knowles discloses a method and system wherein, the network address

comprises an Internet address, [encode the URL, fig 14D].

As Per Claim 12:

Knowles discloses a method and system wherein, the network address comprises a domain name, [the URL for www information resource, see fig 7B].

As Per Claim 13:

Knowles discloses a method and system wherein, further comprising generating a postmark that includes the network address, [assign package identification number, fig 14C].

As Per Claim 14:

Knowles discloses a method and system wherein, further comprising paying a delivery service to cancel the postage using the postmark that includes the network address, [information structure, fig 13B] and [package routing subsystem, fig 53].

As Per Claim 15:

Knowles discloses a method and system wherein, a software product, [web link computer system having browser program having URL menu, col.4, lines 14-20] for a processing system that is configured to operate with a postage system, the software product comprising, [connects client system to the server, col.4, lines 8-12]:

application software configured when executed by the processing

system to direct the processing system to generate an instruction to apply

postage and a network address to objects, [assign the identification number

a unique status encoded information storage location; fig.14C] in a postage

field on the objects wherein the postage field comprises an area reserved on

the objects for the postage, [URL code filed, fig 12B] and wherein the objects

are delivered to users, transfer the instruction to the postage

system,[program having URL menu, col.4, lines 14-20] receive a first

message over the Internet from one of the users wherein the first message is

addressed to the network address, process the first message to retrieve

information, and transfer the information in a second message over the

Internet to the one of the users, [information electronically transmitted to

sites over the internet, col.4, lines 34-40]; and a

storage media configured to store the application software, [URL

access the internet server and update location information within the system,

fig 16C].

As Per Claim 16:

Knowles discloses a method and system wherein, the application

software, [internet browser program, col.4, lines 14-20] is further configured

to direct the processing system to generate the instruction to apply the

network address, [apply the label to the package, fig 14E] at a consistent

location in the postage field to enable the users to automatically scan the

postage field, [URL field, fig 12A] for the network address, [assign the

identification number a unique status encoded information storage location, fig 14C].

As Per Claim 17:

Knowles discloses a method and system wherein, the application software, [internet browser program, col.4, lines 14-20] is further configured to direct the processing system to receive weight information, [information structure form, fig 13A] for the objects, generate a postage instruction based on the weight information,[packaging routing subsystem, fig. 10, element 53], and transfer the postage instruction to the postage system, [information electronically transmitted, col.4, lines 34-40] .

As Per Claim 18:

Knowles discloses a method and system wherein, the software product wherein the network address comprises an Internet address, [encoded URL, fig 14D].

As Per Claim 19:

Knowles discloses a method and system wherein, the network address comprises a domain name, [encoded URL, fig 14D].

As Per Claim 20:

Knowles discloses a method and system wherein the application software is further configured to direct the processing system to change the

network address applied to the objects, [use the URL to access the internet

server and update the location information within the system, fig 16C].

Conclusion

Any concerns in regard to this communication, the examiner **Jon Bass**

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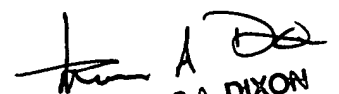
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